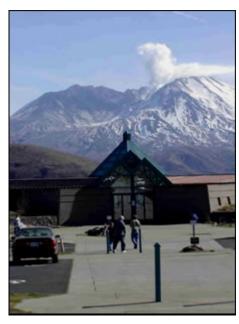
# **Forest Accomplishments**

## **Gifford Pinchot National Forest**

Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

## Recreation Fees Make a Difference -- 175 miles of trails maintained



Coldwater Visitor Center March 2005

As a Forest visitor, you are an important partner in helping provide services that are valuable to you and other visitors. Please drop us a line at <a href="www.fs.fed.us/gpnf">www.fs.fed.us/gpnf</a>/ or give us a call at 360-891-5000.

Last year your recreation fee dollars helped pay for more than \$ 1.5 million worth of services and improvements on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest including:

- Operation of two visitor centers
- Maintenance on 175 miles of trail
- Climbing services on Mt. Adams and Mount St. Helens
- Replacement of information signs, picnic tables
- Visitor information services
- Maintenance at Forest campgrounds



#### More Detailed Information

Forest Website:

www.fs.fed.us/qpnf/

Pacific Northwest Region www.fs.fed.us/r6/

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Interpretive staff provided first hand learning to more than 12,000 students

## The Fees:

Project Name	Revenue Collected 2004		Ex	Expenditures 2004	
Northwest Forest Pass	\$	274,607	\$	468,908	
Camping	\$	41,577	\$	28,840	
Mount St. Helens NVM	\$	517,120	\$	786,238	
Golden Passes	\$	85,254	\$	78,977	
Cabin Rental	\$	22,780	\$	5,076	
Cascade Volcano Climbing	\$	154,359	\$	204,543	



Your Fees At Work: Maintenance of Forest Road 8040500, which leads to the South Climb Trailhead for Mt. Adams

## The Accomplishments:

The following is a sample of where your fee dollars were spent last year on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

#### **Northwest Forest Pass:**



Operated and maintained 61 recreation sites (trailheads, rustic campgrounds, picnic areas) and 175 miles of trails; cleaned restrooms on regular basis and pumped vaults as necessary; painted benches at the Windy Ridge amphitheater; provided 6 guided lantern walks daily at Ape Cave during the summer season – 7,140 people attended; conducted 6 interpretive programs daily at Windy Ridge during the summer season – 11,670 people attended; replaced broken boards on boardwalk at Trail of Two Forest Interpretive Site.



Mount St. Helens NVM and Golden Passports: Provided funding for over half of the operation and maintenance of Coldwater and Johnston Ridge Visitor Centers; conducted interpretive programs for more than 118,000 visitors; hosted 12,837 students and teachers (154 schools) at Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center and Johnston Ridge Observatory; developed several new temporary displays interpreting recent volcanic activity; developed and posted several new lesson plans for educators on the Teachers Corner section of the Mount St. Helens web site; cleaned and maintained all visitor center facilities on a daily basis; repaired theater projectors at the Johnston Ridge Observatory.



**Camping:** Operated and maintained 11 Forest campgrounds from May through September; decommissioned deteriorated host residence at Sunset Falls campground and converted site to a RV site for future campground host; pumped toilets at Lower Falls, Canyon Creek, Tillicum, Sunset Falls, and Kalama campgrounds; maintained picnic tables, information kiosk, and traffic signs at several campgrounds.



Cabin Rental: Operated and maintained for overnight rental Government Mineral Springs Guard Station and Peterson Prairie Guard Station; both rentals were put into National Recreation Reservation System; both guard stations were rented year-round; each rental was cleaned/maintained after every visit, ensuring each arriving guest with a clean facility; firewood was cut/split and provided free of charge for use at the rentals.



Government Mineral Springs Guard Station



Cascade Volcano Climb: Pass provided climbing services on Mt. Adams and Mount St. Helens including climbing rangers for interpretation, information, and facilitation of search and rescues; repaired toilets at Mount St. Helens trailheads; weekly climbing report on the Forest website; continued human waste pack-out system to reduce fecal accumulation in alpine areas; maintained 15.8miles of trail and 8.4 miles of trail at Mt. Adams; provided Climbing Rangers on primary routes 5 days per week in summer, 2 days per week in spring at Mount St. Helens and 7 days a week during the summer season at Mt. Adams.

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